

Arizona Department of Health Services Office For Children With Special Health Care Needs Children's Rehabilitative Services Administration	Effective Date: 03/01/2007
SUBJECT: Medical and Utilization Management	SECTION: MM/UM 1.9

SUBTITLE: CRSA New Medical Technology Coverage

POLICY:

It is the policy of Children's Rehabilitative Services Administration (CRSA) to review and approve new medical technologies when indicated.

Matters appropriate for technological review may include, but are not restricted to, new medical procedures, new equipment or new uses for equipment already approved for use, new drugs or drugs which have been approved for another use and have been approved by regulatory, licensing, and/or oversight agencies.

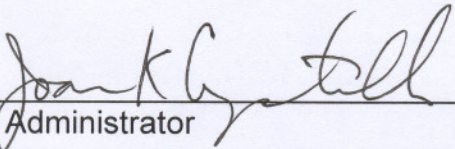
PROCEDURE:

- 1) Any Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS) Regional Contractor Medical Director/Administrator may present new medical technology proposals for CRS coverage to the CRSA Medical Director. The request must be in writing and include the appropriate support information.
- 2) Any coverage decisions made by Medicare intermediaries/carriers, and/or Medicare, Federal, or State Medicaid authorities will be reviewed for determination of CRS coverage through the same process as a request for new medical technology.
- 3) CRSA has 90 days to make a determination regarding the new medical technology requested. If a determination is required prior to 90 days due to an urgent need, an expedited determination must be made within the lesser of 14 days or as quickly as the urgent need requires. Expedited requests must be presented immediately to the CRSA Executive Committee for a determination.
- 4) The CRSA Medical Director will present the request at the next CRS Regional Contractors Medical Directors/Administrators meeting.
 - a. Resource persons may be invited to present.
 - b. Support information should be distributed at least one week prior to the meeting.
- 5) The CRS Regional Contractors Medical Directors/Administrators may recommend to:

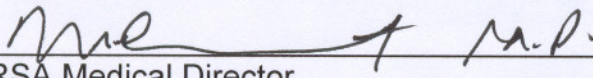
- a. Approve the request for coverage by all specialties;
 - b. Approve the request for coverage by selected specialties;
 - c. Deny the request;
 - d. Deny the request pending more information or evidence; or
 - e. Table the request.
- 6) The Medical Review Process may include, but is not limited to, the following sources:
- a. Review of Peer-reviewed medical literature, e.g., meta-analysis that received positive endorsement of nationally recognized medical panels regarding scientific efficacy and rationale;
 - b. Opinion of medical experts recognized in relevant medical field(s);
 - c. Input from other regional Medical Directors;
 - d. Input from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Medical Director;
 - e. Regulatory and/or oversight agency endorsement and/or findings regarding the technology, procedure, or medication; and/or
 - f. Practitioner documented training and experience with the new technology.
- 7) The CRSA Medical Director will forward recommendations for coverage to the CRSA Chief Financial Officer for cost analysis.
- 8) Upon completion of the cost analysis, the request along with the recommendations from the CRS Regional Contractors Medical Directors/Administrators Committee will be presented to the CRSA Executive Management Committee for administrative review and action.
- 9) CRSA will notify the CRS Regional Contractors of the decision(s).
- 10) Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration (AHCCCSA) will be notified of CRSA's recommendation. A request will be submitted to AHCCCSA for approval of any procedural code(s) changes as required in Prepaid Medical Management Information System (PMMIS).
- 11) CRSA will be responsible for administrative oversight of the new medical technology.
- 12) The CRSA MM/UM Committee will be notified of recommendations for new medical technologies at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 13) Denial of a request for new medical technology does not preclude resubmission when new information is available.

Approved:

Date:


CRSA Administrator

3/1/07


CRSA Medical Director

3/2/07

The Primary Position of Responsibility for this policy is the Office for Children With Special Health Care Needs.

Users are encouraged to suggest improvements regarding this policy and procedure.